



## **FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN RECOGNITION**

Governor Brian Schweitzer and State Superintendent Linda McCulloch recognize the extraordinary efforts of the many legislators, parents, teachers, school boards, students, community members, elected officials, and education leaders throughout the state for your active support for Full-Time Kindergarten.

Full-Time Kindergarten makes a difference in the lives of children. It has proven to:

- Be a vital step in starting children on a successful path to learning;
- Demonstrate greater progress in literacy, math, and general learning skills;
- Demonstrate significant gains in social and emotional development;
- Help children experience fewer grade retentions and special education placements and demonstrate reduced behavioral problems; and
- Retain academic, emotional, and social gains throughout K-12 and into adulthood as demonstrated by higher levels of educational attainment, higher rates of home ownership, and less demand on social and correctional services.

Today, Wednesday, June 20th, 2007, we congratulate you on the successful passage, by the 60th Montana Legislature, of the legislation that fulfills the promise of Full-Time Kindergarten for Montana's children.

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**BRIAN SCHWEITZER**  
Governor of the State of Montana

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**LINDA MCCULLOCH**  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction